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Memorandum of Conversation

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SUBJECT: Saudi Arabia

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Saleh al-Shalfan, Minister, Saudi Arabian Embassy

NE - Mr. David D. Newsom

NE - Mr. William D. Brewer

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Mr. Newsom discussed with Mr. Shalfan Ambassador Wadsworth's farewell audience with King Saud in Riyadh on December 11. Mr. Shalfan said that he understood that we had presented a memorandum on the Aqaba question, to which Mr. Newsom replied in the negative, noting that Assistant Secretary Rountree had recently had a thorough and helpful discussion of this question with Mr. Richard Young, American lawyer retained by Saudi Arabia for advice on international legal questions. Mr. Shalfan expressed appreciation for the opportunity to review results of the recent audience and commented that Saudi-U.S. relations were growing progressively closer as a result of such full consultations.

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